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43 new traffic lights

- Signals at 'unwanted' circles, junctions too, complain public
- 2 lakh new vehicles added to city roads in 2025: City Police

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (BLU&KS)- The City Traffic Police, in a bid to streamline traffic, have recently installed traffic signal lights at several circles and junctions. The move has evoked mixed reactions, with some residents questioning the need for signals at locations with relatively low traffic density.

"About two lakh new vehicles were added to city's roads last year. To regulate traffic, 43 new traffic signal lights, aided by modern technology like AI, have been installed in addition to the existing 53 signals, bringing the total to 96," said ACP (Traffic) Shivashankar.

Vehicles passing through the newly-installed traffic signal near Hunsur Road-Gokulam Road junction in city.

"There were 53 existing signals. Since January 2026, we have added 43 new signals based on ground traffic conditions, vehicle density, following analysis by our officers and staff. We are still working to streamline the old and new signals, as there are some issues with syncing," he said. The ACP, however, did not disclose the cost of installing the 48 new signals.

Police officials said the initiative aims to ensure smoother traffic flow, particularly as Mysuru, a major tourist destination, witnesses heavy vehicular movement during Dasara, long weekends, and holidays.

(See TRAFFIC on page 9)

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Dr. Harsha Priyamvada takes charge as new DCP (L&O)

Visits Lashkar, Nazarbad and Alanahalli Police Stations

Dr. Harsha Priyamvada

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (PM&BS)- IPS Officer Dr. Harsha Priyamvada took charge as the DCP (Law and Order) of the city on Wednesday.

A day after taking charge, on Ugadi festival day yesterday, Dr. Priyamvada got down to work and visited Lashkar, Nazarbad and Alanahalli Police Stations in Devaraja Police Sub-division. During her visit, she inspected record rooms and passed on instructions about daily routine to Station House Officers (SHOs).

In her exclusive interaction with *Star of Mysore*, after taking charge at her chamber in City Police Commissioner's Office in Nazarbad, Dr. Priyamvada extended Ugadi and Ramzan festivals greetings to the people of Mysuru.

She said, she was happy to have been posted to serve in a city like Mysuru, which is in fact a matter of pride.

(See DCP on page 4)

Kukkarahalli Lake land commercial project

UoM raises questions over buffer zone land conversion

Commercial conversion records conceal presence of Kukkarahalli Lake: Registrar

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (BLU&BCT)- Fresh issues have emerged over a 2.20-acre parcel of land on the banks of Kukkarahalli Lake, located within the Manasagangothri campus, opposite the Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Stadium on Open-Air Theatre Road. The land falls within the Lake's buffer zone.

At a protest held on Mar. 16, activists alleged that Government land had been converted for private use with the involvement of officials from the erstwhile Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) on Feb. 3, 2021.

(See UOM on page 9)

Intl. Women's Day Special...

To commemorate International Women's Day and to celebrate women from different fields, *Star of Mysore* is publishing special articles during the month.

Today *SOM* features Dr. C.V. Shilpa of SiriCaree IVF Centre, who has been helping couples realise their dream of parenthood while also improving access to fertility care for those in villages beyond Mysuru East. **—Ed**

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STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 20th March 2026

Avail Joyalukkas' offers

Mysuru, Mar. 20- Joyalukkas, the world's favourite jeweller, has announced a special limited-period offer for customers, bringing exceptional value on gold jewellery purchases during this peak buying season. The offer is available at Joyalukkas showrooms from Mar.18 to 22.

As part of the campaign, customers can enjoy flat 40% off on making charges on a wide range of all jewellery collections. From timeless traditional designs to contemporary creations, the offer presents an excellent opportunity for customers to invest in jewellery with added value.

In addition, Joyalukkas is introducing an exclusive advance-booking offer, from Mar.18 to Apr.18 for customers planning their upcoming purchases. Customers can pay just 10% in advance and secure the current gold rate until May 2.

Sharing his thoughts on the campaign, Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Joy Alukkas said, "This is a strong and significant period for jewellery purchases, as many customers plan ahead for weddings, special occasions and long-term investments. At Joyalukkas, we are committed to offering not just exceptional jewellery, but also meaningful value. These offers are designed to give our customers the confidence to make their purchases at the right time, with both flexibility and assurance."

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SEARCH FOR TRUE HAPPINESS: ***In India, when others were working on improving themselves technologically, economically and scientifically, there was a group of people who were investigating the mind and the inner workings of the human psyche. Therefore, it is quite natural that we have a big body of literature on the search for who we actually are, where we have come from, where we are going and what is the aim of life. The urge for happiness is built into our system. It is not something that comes from outside.***

In this little drama between life and death, we think we can find happiness by doing this and that. This constant movement is the search for happiness.

The Upanishad said that all of life is in constant motion and that is why it is called *Jagat,* ***because the word*** *Jagatyaam* ***means, that, which is constantly moving. Time is constantly moving and nobody can control it. The mind moves constantly, from the time we are conscious till the time we die. Somewhere in this movement, there is a silence, a quiet. A centre which does not move.*** *īśā vāsyamidaṁ sarvaṁ yatkiñca jagatyāṁ jagat,* ***This Supreme Being or Reality, you may call it*** *Brahman, Shunya* ***or*** *Poorna,* ***that which cannot be defined by our ordinary senses, is the root and essence of everything.***

Shunya ***is That, when everything subsides. When the constant chattering that starts with birth and continues till death comes to an end, then, there is*** *Shunya. Nirvana* ***is clearing the mind of all negative tendencies, agitating thoughts and distractions. Patanjali called this*** *Chitta Vritti Nirodha* ***— removing all the*** *vrittis* ***from the*** *chitta.* ***Then remains an emptiness inside, into which Reality awakens itself. Reality is always with us, inside us. And it is in search of this that we go around this world looking here and there, looking and not being able to find it.***

The question is do we find it? The good news is, *Purnam Idam. Purnam Adah, Purnam Idam.* ***That means inside us, in the depths of our consciousness, there is an element which is the same*** *Purna* ***from which this world has come.***

However, we don't see it, because it is covered with so many impurities and modifications. If we can get rid of these modifications, you will suddenly realise that the Supreme Reality lives in the depths of our own consciousness. Can you imagine how freeing even the very thought is, apart from the actual experience? *— Sri M in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Arcade under fire for using live hamsters

Beijing: Shocking photos of tiny hamsters crowding together in the corner of a claw machine at the Yuekong City arcade in Shenzen, China, have sparked outrage on social media, with many user accusing the owners of the establishment of animal cruelty. The furry critters not only lived inside the claw machine, surrounded by bright, colourful lights and constant noise, but also had to run from the metal claw that descended from above whenever someone tried to catch them as prizes.

Soon after the photos and clips of the controversial claw machine went viral on social media, the arcade replaced the hamster machine with two other machines where the prizes were live fish and small turtles. China currently has no laws protecting small animals, farm animals and pets from abuse.

Bizarre 18-wheel all-terrain vehicle

Helsinki: A company in Finland, has developed a strange-looking electric 18-wheel All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) that it claims is vastly superior to the common ATV.

The millipede-inspired design of the ATV is unlike anything we've ever seen before. Basically, it consists of a snowmobile-like body and a set of 18 small wheels each with its own individual suspension system. One of the core ideas of the project was to make this unusual-looking vehicle soil friendly, so the wheels are specifically small so that they don't damage the soil by leaving huge tire marks on it.

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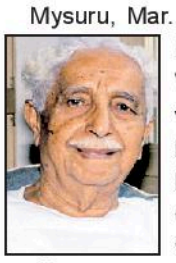
City litterateurs seek 'Bharat Ratna' for Kuvempu posthumously

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (BLU&DM)- Kuvempu Vishwamanava Kshemabhivruddhi Trust has urged the Centre to confer 'Bharat Ratna' on Poet Laureate Kuvempu, posthumously.



Kuvempu

The Trust held a meeting in this regard recently, during which it was decided to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi at New Delhi and present a memorandum to him seeking Bharat Ratna for the late Kannada poet.

The meeting, which was presided by the Trust President H.K. Ramu, also decided to meet PM Modi by taking along JD(S) supremo and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda, Union Ministers from the State — H.D. Kumaraswamy, Pralhad Joshi , Shobha Karandlaje and V. Somanna.

Noted litterateurs Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK), Prof. K.S. Bhagawan, Dr. Pradhan Gurudatt, Prof. C. Naganna, K.T. Veerappa and M. Chandrashekar, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal and others were present.

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- ***Coral crabs are small, often colourful crustaceans that live in a mutualistic, obligate symbiotic relationship with branching hard corals, specifically genera like Acropora and Pocillopora. They pinch at the starfish's tube feet until it lets go of the coral. They also clean any algae or debris that accumulates on the coral, making them essential to the coral's health and survival.***
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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *What makes you see?*
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Teacher: *True for the eyes but why for your ears and nose?*
Baby Jack: *It's to hold my glasses!*

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1 US Dollar	= Rs. 93.39
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VOICE OF THE READER

Awareness walks are good, but clean habits must follow

Sir,

Mysuru has recently seen awareness walkathons and cleanliness drives promoting a healthy lifestyle and a plastic-free environment. Many students and citizens participated enthusiastically in these initiatives.

During some campaigns around Kukkarahalli Lake, volunteers collected plastic bottles and other waste from public places, showing that such awareness efforts are being made.

However, even after these programmes, I still notice garbage in some public areas when I pass through parts of the city, including busy places like Devaraja Market. What is more concerning is that many people simply ignore it as if it is not their responsibility and some even throw waste carelessly.

These programmes are conducted for a purpose and should not remain just one-day events. Every citizen must take this message seriously and act responsibly so that Mysuru truly remains a clean city.

—Aayushi Jain,
Journalism Department,
Maharaja's College
Mysuru 7.3.2026

'Yeleyara Mela' from Apr. 3

Mysuru, Mar. 20- To introduce art and culture to children during summer holidays, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, has organised 'Yeleyara Mela' for children (8 to 14 years) at JSS School premises in Saraswathipuram from Apr. 3 to 24. Painting art, clay art, drawing with seeds, paper craft, singing, dance, drama, interaction with noted personalities will be part of the camp.

Contact Chandrashekarachar (94487-39365), Guruswamy (99454-72541), Manjunath (91649-91992), Shakuntala Hegde (86607-50218) or Jeevankumar (98801-01305).

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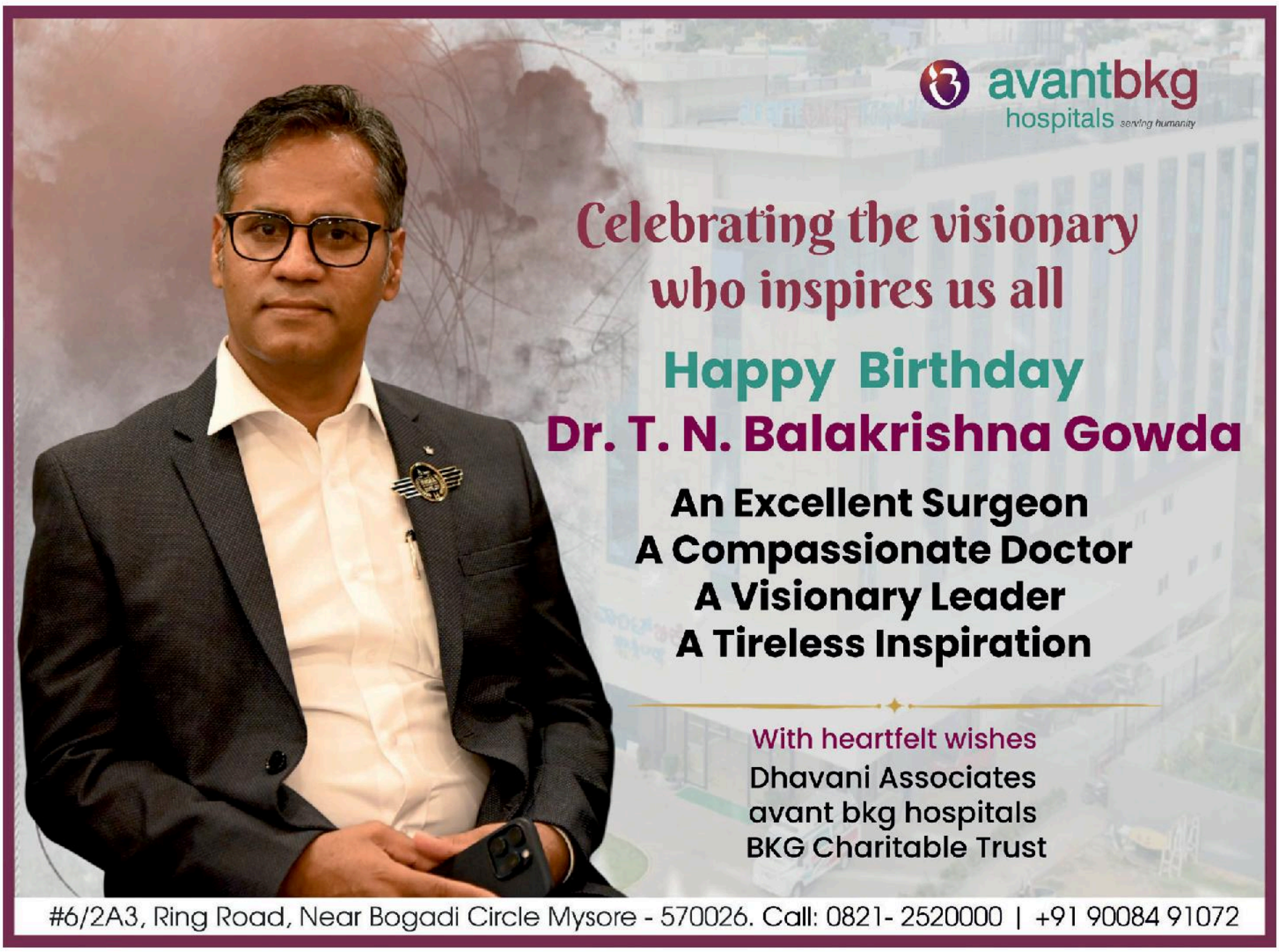
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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption postponed to Mar. 24

The disruption of power in Mysuru South and Mandakalli Power Transmission Centres' jurisdictional localities and areas scheduled for Mar. 20 on account of quarterly maintenance work, has been postponed to Mar. 24 due to various reasons.

Entries invited for poets meet

The Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat has invited entries from poets for bringing out 'Parabhavakke Munnudi,' a collection of poems. Interested poets from Mysuru district can send their self-composed 16-line poems on various topics of current affairs before Mar. 25. The entries should be sent to the Parishat Hon. Secretary M.N. Lathamohan on Mob: 76248-31434 or e-mail to: sanjemincu@gmail.com.

Vaccination Camp for Haj pilgrims

A two-day vaccination camp for Haj pilgrims will be held on Mar. 25 and 26 from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm at the District Hospital on KRS Road in city. For details, contact Mohammed Mumtaz Ahmed on Mob: 97417-89000 or Nodal Officer Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed on Mob: 99001-43409.

State-level Yoga contest

Suvarna Belaku Foundation, 8th Cross, Sunnadakeri, K.R. Mohalla, has organised its first edition of 'Sri Maharshi Valmiki Yogaratna,' a State-level yoga competition in city on May 10. The event provides a platform for yoga exponents from across the State to exhibit their skills. For registration and details, contact Mob: 94489-80010.

Ph.D awardees

N. Manjula has been awarded Ph.D in Geography by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'A Geographical Analysis of Performance and Efficiency of Public Transport Service in Mysuru Urban Agglomeration' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H.R. Manjunatha.

S.L. Jayashri has been awarded Ph.D in English by the UoM, Mysuru, for her thesis 'Modern Indian Literary Criticism in English: Principles and Practices' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Vijay Sheshadri.

Hippo bite claims life of Shivamogga Zoo Vet

Forest Minister condoles death, instructs Zoo Vets to follow SOPs

Dr. Sameeksha Reddy

Shivamogga, Mar. 20 (Agencies)- A young veterinarian, serving at Tyavarekoppa Zoo in Shivamogga, died at a hospital this morning after she was bitten and seriously injured by a pregnant hippo yesterday.

The deceased veterinarian is Dr. Sameeksha Reddy (27). She was recently appointed as a veterinarian at Tyavarekoppa Zoo on a contract basis.

The incident occurred around 11.30 pm. Dr. Sameeksha had gone to treat an ailing wild animal, when the hippo attacked her causing serious injuries. Though she was immediately rushed to a hospital in Shivamogga, she succumbed to injuries around 6.30 am today.

Minister condoles

Forest, Ecology and Environment Minister Eshwar B. Khandre has expressed deep condolences over the unfortunate incident. Calling it a highly distressing incident, the Minister said that the Government stands firmly with the bereaved family during this difficult time.

A file photo of Dr. Sameeksha Reddy at the Hippo enclosure in Shivamogga Zoo. [Pic. source: Internet]

"Every life is precious. I pray that God gives strength to the family to bear this irreparable loss," he said.

The Minister has directed officials to provide compensation to the victim's family as per norms without delay and also issued strict instructions that all veterinarians working in zoos across the State must adhere to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) while treating wild animals, emphasising that safety protocols cannot be compromised under any circumstances.

Khandre has ordered a detailed inquiry into the incident by a team comprising senior veterinarians and forest officials. The team has been asked to submit a report within seven days.

Valuables worth Rs. 5.25 lakh stolen from house

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (PM&BS)- Thieves broke into a house and decamped with articles worth Rs. 5.25 lakh including Rs. 5,000 cash at Nadanahalli coming under Alanahalli Police Station limits in city recently.

The incident had occurred at the house of Gurusiddaiah, when the family members had gone outside.

According to Gurusiddaiah, he had told his second son to lock the house and keep the key on a brick on the premises. When he (Gurusiddaiah) returned home, he found the valuables stolen. The valuables included 30-gram Avalakki chain, 20-gram bangle, 8-gram chain, 2 finger rings weighing 7 grams, 4-gram Lakshmi earring, 11-gram gold chain, silver lamps and kumkum box, all totalling 150 grams.

Alanahalli Police have registered a case.

New DCP visits Police Stations

(Continued from page 1)

"My priority is to work towards public safety, besides the maintenance of law and order, action against cyber crimes and to rein in drug network, followed by rendering justice to weaker sections of the society," the new DCP (Law & Order) Dr. Harsha Priyamvada added.

Priority areas also include people-friendly and community-friendly policing system and to work towards fulfilling the aspirations of the people.

Earlier, DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj handed over the charge to Dr. Priyamvada.

A 2020 batch IPS Officer, Dr. Priyamvada, a native of Jharkhand, holds a MBBS degree. She was previously serving as SP, CID in Bengaluru. Before her transfer to Bengaluru, she had worked as Assistant Superintendent of Police of Karkala Sub-Division in Udupi district.

Woman loses Rs. 26.9 lakh to cyber fraud

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (PM&BS)- Adding to the increasing cyber crimes, a woman has reportedly lost Rs. 26.9 lakh to cyber fraud.

In a complaint lodged at City Cyber, Economic Offences and Narcotics (CEN) Police Station, the victim, who resides at Raghavendra Nagar, has stated that she was asked to download an app on her cellphone and invest the amount in a business. Accordingly, she had invested a total of Rs. 26.9 lakh in instalments, by transferring the amount from her bank account.

The shock was in store for her, when she tried to withdraw the amount. She was asked to pay additional amount to withdraw the invested amount. After learning that she was cheated, she lodged a complaint at CEN Police Station.

Obituary

Champa Shivanna

Mysuru, Mar. 20- Poetess and littérateur Champa Shivanna (71), wife of former *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Editor late M.R. Shivanna (MRS) passed away this morning following illness at her native place Shivamogga.

A recipient of Kannada Sahitya Parishat Endowment Award, she leaves behind her daughter Shivaranjini, a poetess, son-in-law Pralhad Rao, grandson Pratham and a host of relatives and friends.

The body is expected to reach Mysuru at 6 pm today and will be kept at her residence No. 914, Shivakrupa, 5th Main Road, Shivarathreeshwaranagar in Bannimantap, till 1 pm tomorrow.

Last rites will be held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram, according to family sources.

Dr. L. Jayamma

Mysuru, Mar. 20- Dr. L. Jayamma (90), wife of late M.G. Mahadevappa and a resident of Saraswathipuram 14th Main, 2nd Cross, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her son M. Yathish, daughter Anitha Shashidhar and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this noon.

Juliana Crasta

Juliana Crasta (51), a resident of Kesare 3rd Stage, R.S. Naidunagar, passed away yesterday in city.

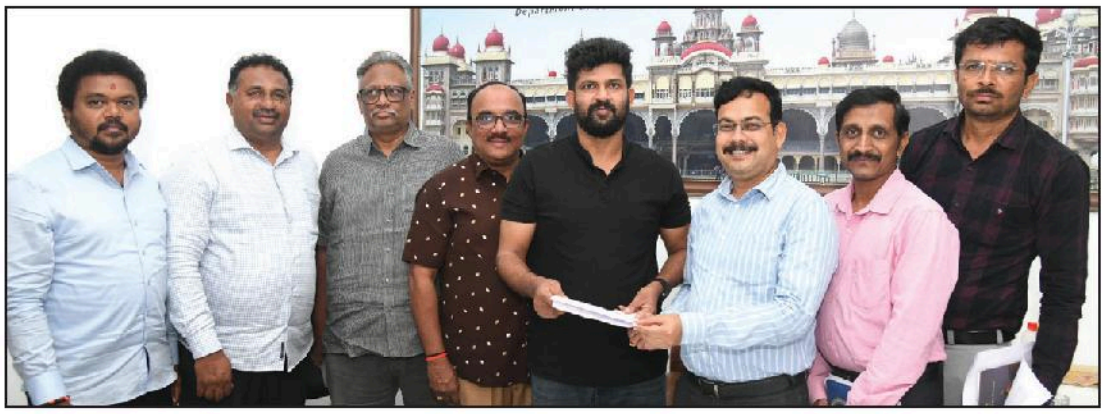
She is survived by her mother, husband, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral mass will be held tomorrow (Mar. 21) at 10 am in Catholic Cemetery at Rammanahalli.

Tonga stand on Town Hall footpath

Prathap Simha blames MCC Commissioner's 'blatant act'

Tourism Joint Director urged to change location



Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha submitting a memorandum to Joint Director of Tourism Motilal Krishna Lamani at Tourism Department Office in city recently as others look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (PM&BS)- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has strongly objected to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) granting permission for the construction of a tonga stand on the footpath in front of Town Hall under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

He was speaking to media persons after meeting the Joint Director of the Tourism Department, Motilal Krishna Lamani, at his office recently.

No spot inspection

Blaming the MCC Commissioner for approving plans without conducting spot inspections, Simha said the decision had led to a serious lapse. "Approvals are being given from the office without ground verification. Had a site visit been made, the impact on pedestrian movement would have been clear," he said.

He also pointed out that the MCC has been functioning without an elected body since November 2023, alleging that officials are acting arbitrarily.

Simha said that during his tenure as MP, he had secured Rs. 45 crore under the PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive) Scheme for Chamundi Hill and Rs. 80 crore under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA). The projects include the construction of tonga stands at five locations.

He added that the Tourism Department has been urged to relocate the proposed tonga stand near Town Hall and officials have responded positively.

Former Corporators M.U. Subbaiah and Satish, Mysore Grahakara Parishat Working President S.K. Dinesh, leader Dinesh Gowda, Tourism Department Assistant Director Prabhuswamy, Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Ambareesh and others were present.

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Date: 18.03.2026, Place: Mysuru

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

Reproductive medicine specialist Dr. C.V. Shilpa of SiriCaree IVF Centre, Mysuru, speaks on science, stigma and the shared responsibility of parenthood...

Delivering bundles of JOY

At a time when the focus is increasingly on women's empowerment and career growth, delayed parenthood and changing lifestyles have led to a rise in infertility. Yet, the issue remains underreported, stigmatised and widely misunderstood.

Star of Mysore spoke to Dr. C.V. Shilpa, Managing Director and Chief Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Specialist at SiriCaree IVF Centre, Mysuru. Based in Nazarbad, she has been helping couples realise their dream of parenthood, while also improving access to fertility care for those in villages beyond East Mysuru.

She is also the Principal of International Institute for Assisted Reproductive Technology Research Centre (IIARTRC), Mysuru and an Executive Committee Member (2026-2028) of KISAR (Karnataka Chapter of ISAR — Indian Society of Assisted Reproduction). Excerpts:

By B. N. Ramya

Star of Mysore (SOM): Why did you choose the medical field and why specialise in reproductive medicine?

Dr. C.V. Shilpa: I wanted to be a doctor from childhood. Though there were none in my family, seeing women doctors work with dignity and confidence left a lasting impression on me.

As an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, I encountered many couples struggling with infertility. Seeing their joy when they finally conceive and have a healthy baby is unforgettable. That sense of fulfilment drew me to this field.

SOM: Many fertility clinics are run by women. Do they have any advantage over men?

Dr. Shilpa: Women doctors often better understand the social and emotional pressures infertility brings, including stigma and exclusion. They can empathise and patients are usually more comfortable discussing sensitive issues with them.

SOM: Your clinic is located in Nazarbad, close to several villages. Do you see more patients from rural areas?

Dr. Shilpa: Yes, a significant number of our patients come from rural areas. Our centre is affiliated with Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital, a 42-year-old institution known for its patient-friendly, service-oriented approach. Over the years, it has built strong trust among people.

Many families who have been coming here for years now bring the next generation as well, for treatment across various specialities. We do not approach this as a business. Our focus is on providing quality care and achieving positive outcomes. That trust is why many patients from rural areas choose to come to us.

SOM: What are the common causes of infertility?

Dr. Shilpa: About 30 to 40 percent of infertility cases are due to male factors, while another 30 to 40 percent are due to female factors. Around 15 to 20 percent result from a combination of both partners.

In nearly 10 percent of cases, the cause remains unexplained. Evidence-based studies also suggest that environmental factors such as insecticides and microplastics may affect hormonal balance and contribute to it.

> Genetically, both partners contribute equally to pregnancy. There is a common misconception that if a man is sexually active, he must be fertile. But virility is not the same as fertility. A man may be sexually active but still have zero sperm count. Every case requires proper scientific evaluation.

SOM: Is infertility more prevalent among rural or urban populations?

Dr. Shilpa: It is more common in urban populations, largely due to lifestyle factors. Sedentary routines, higher stress levels and competitive environments can affect fertility.

In contrast, rural populations tend to lead more active lives with lower stress. Diet also plays a role, with higher consumption of processed and junk food in urban areas adding to the risk.

SOM: When should a couple approach an IVF centre?

Dr. Shilpa: If the woman is below 35 years, the couple can try naturally for one year. If pregnancy does not occur within that period, they should consult an IVF specialist. If the woman is above 35 years, they should seek medical advice if conception does not occur within six months. In men, fertility can also decline with age and ideally, evaluation should be done before the age of 45 years.

SOM: What is the success rate of IVF treatment?

Dr. Shilpa: In a well-equipped clinical and laboratory setting with advanced technology, the success rate is around 50 to 60 per cent, particularly when the woman is under 50 years of age and there are no significant male infertility factors.

SOM: When is the 'last chance'? When should a couple stop IVF treatment?

Dr. Shilpa: In my view, there is no fixed 'last chance.' I have seen couples undergo 12 to 14 IVF cycles before achieving success. However, decisions should depend on factors such as egg quality, sperm quality, embryo quality and the condition of the uterus, as well as the woman's overall health and her ability to undergo repeated cycles.

SOM: Despite scientific progress, women are still blamed for infertility.

Dr. Shilpa: Scientifically, an embryo is formed with 50 percent genetic contribution from sperm and 50 percent from the egg. So, both partners contribute equally.

There is also a common misconception that if a man is sexually active, he must be fertile. But virility is not the same as fertility. A man may be sexually active but still have zero sperm count in semen analysis.

> Every successful IVF case is rewarding. A 49-year-old woman who had lost her only daughter came to us for treatment. It was challenging, as she was also hypertensive. Despite the risks, we proceeded. She delivered a preterm baby and with strong NICU support, the baby survived and is doing well.

Another challenge, when we started our centre, was the shortage of trained embryologists in India. To address this, we set up the International Institute for Assisted Reproductive Technology Research Centre (IIARTRC). So far, we have trained over 500 embryologists from 26 States, along with reproductive medicine clinicians.

SOM: A teacher or a clinician, which role is more satisfying for you?

Dr. Shilpa: Being a clinician, definitely. Helping patients and seeing their happiness is deeply satisfying. Teaching comes next, as it allows me to train others who can spread that same joy.

SOM: What has been the most rewarding phase of your career?

Dr. Shilpa: There have been many, as every successful IVF case is rewarding. One that stands out is a 49-year-old woman who had lost her only daughter. It was a challenging case, as she was also hypertensive.

Despite the risks, we proceeded. She delivered a preterm baby and with strong NICU support, the baby survived and is doing well. It felt like we had given her a new beginning.

SOM: How do you unwind after a hectic day? Any hobbies?

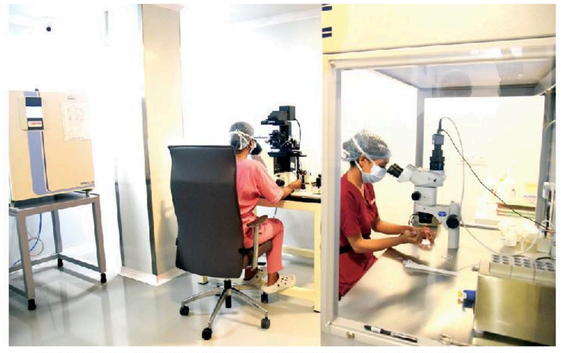
Dr. Shilpa: I unwind with dance, evening walks and occasional hikes. I also spend time teaching my daughter and playing with my dogs, Trixy and Trouble. I'm passionate about trekking and make it a point to visit the Himalayas at least once a year.

Maintaining a work-life balance is essential. At work, I rely on a strong team with shared responsibilities and I also train two post-MS graduates each year through fellowship programmes. At home, I have strong support from my mother-in-law and husband. With dependable support on both fronts, I'm able to manage both roles effectively.

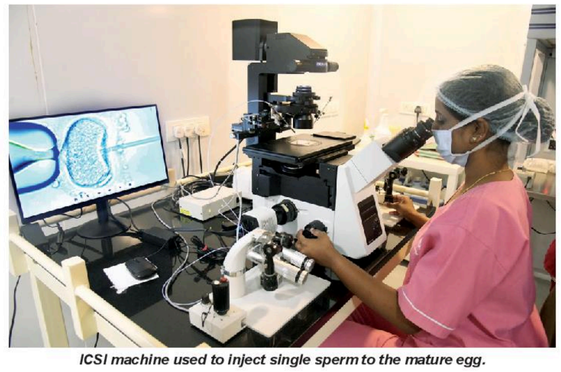
SOM: Your Women's Day message to women and men?

Dr. Shilpa: Women have the strength to create life, but fertility is a shared journey. Women should prioritise their health and seek timely care, while men must offer equal support and involvement.

Together, we need to remove the stigma around infertility and build a more supportive, informed society.



Embryology Lab, where Oocytes (eggs) are processed, sperm is injected to the mature egg using ICSI (Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection) machine and then grown in incubators.

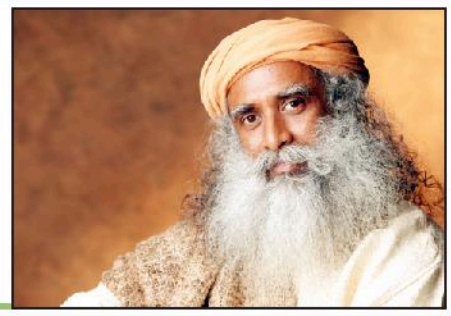


ICSI machine used to inject single sperm to the mature egg.

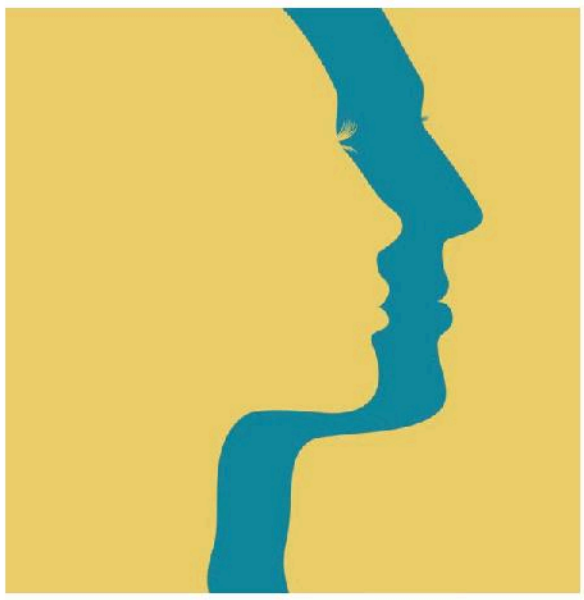
Andrology Lab, where semen analysis is done and is stored in Cryocans.

MYSTIC'S MUSINGS

By Sadhguru - Founder, Isha Foundation



Can man and woman ever be equal?



Question: Sadhguru, is gender equality achievable? When there are inherent differences, how can the two genders be equal?

Sadhguru: I think in today's context, we have misunderstood the word "equal." Equal does not mean same. Equal means equal opportunity, equal regard, equal respect, but not sameness of action. If you bring sameness of activity, you will put the woman to great disadvantage in most areas of life outside. You will put men to disadvantage in certain other areas of life.

And above all, inefficiency will prevail — women trying to do what men are good at, men trying to do what women are good at and making a mess of it. By training, everyone can do everything. But natural aptitude should be made use of. If that is not done, mediocre levels of activity will happen. It is best to make use of natural aptitude. Who is to decide who should do what? Why should it be pre-decided that this is what a man can do and that is what a woman can do? Let the individual person decide.

Changing times

Today, the playing field has changed and so many activities have become common among men and women, which was not possible in the past. A thousand years ago, most people were living in villages and there was jungle all around. There were wild animals everywhere. Back then, tigers were not pussy-cats that needed to be protected, they were ferocious creatures which struck terror in your heart.

There was no store to buy something from. Every day, you had to either hunt or pluck something from somewhere and come. A man was definitely better off going out and doing this job. And there was another biological responsibility for a woman — she bore children. If she went out into the jungle with a little baby, she might come back empty-handed. So women were protected because children were there and the man went out to procure food. This was an ideal distribution of work.

But now, technology has levelled the playing field. Getting food means going to the superstore. A woman can do it better than a man. Earning a living does not mean throwing a spear. It means typing something on a keyboard. She does that better too because she does not have to get up every hour, scratch herself, smoke a cigarette and again go and sit. If she sits down to work, she will simply do it. Women are doing these kinds of things better than men. This is not evolution of human mind or women's liberation or masculine magnanimity. This is just advancement of technology. The playing field has become reasonably level.

Equal roles

So equality is never in question, but sameness is a stupid thing to do. Instead of trying to fit a woman into a masculine world, it is time we structure society and the world so that there is an equal role for masculine and feminine. The society we have created is so super-masculine, it is not even good for a man, forget about a woman. Right now, it is badly tilted against her and she is desperately trying to fit into the man's world, which is unfortunately taking its toll. And when it takes a toll on her, a general disruption of life happens.

We need to restructure many things in this society, so that there is an equal role for masculine and feminine aspects of nature. As a masculine, aggressive way of doing things is needed on one level, aesthetics, music and being sensitive to things must become equally important.

[Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, a yogi, is a visionary, humanitarian and a prominent spiritual leader. An author, poet and internationally-renowned speaker, Sadhguru's wit and piercing logic provoke and widen our perception of life. www.ishafoundation.org]

JSS Medical College students shine in Sports

The students of JSS Medical College, Mysuru, have brought laurels to the college by participating in different individual and group games in National, State and District-level (Table Tennis - Men & Women), Badminton (Women), Swimming (Men & Women), Futsal (Men), Athletics (Men), Tennis (Men) and Chess (Women) tournaments organised by NITTE University, Mangaluru, Sri Devaraja Urs University, JIPMER, Pondicherry, Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences, Mandya, Mysore Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI), Mysuru Inter-City. Seen in the picture are** (sitting from right) **Dr. Payal, Dr. Sachin P. Shetty, (Sports Chairman), S.R. Satish Chandra, (Administrative Officer), Dr. M.N. Suma (Vice-Principal), Lokeshappa, (Physical & Cultural Director), Dr. Arush and Dr. Ompriyadarshini;** (standing) **S. Ryuu, Rasha, Rafhan Baig, Sagar Shaji, Anjali, Vikram, Rahul, Rehan, Naman Ajit, Darshan, Sona, Gaganjit Singh, Sowmya, Himanya, Amrith, Arjun, Aditya, Raghav, Ashmith, Harihara, Adith, Digvi, Sriram, Niyathi, Nihal, Nitya, Palak, Juveriah, Dhruv, Shreya and Doreswamy.

43 new traffic signal lights

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Smart traffic signals have also been installed near schools, colleges, markets, hospitals and other high pedestrian zones to enhance safety. The new system supports advanced programming for signal synchronisation, day-specific plans and fault detection to ensure efficiency. The signals are integrated with a Central Traffic Control Centre (TCC), allowing real-time management.

Features include vehicle-actuated mode to optimise green lights based on traffic demand, manual and hurry-call modes for emergencies or special situations and flash and lamp-off modes for flexible operations.

New signals

New signals have been installed at several key locations, including Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle (Highway Circle) in Bannimantap, Kautilya Circle near Crawford Hall, Ekalavya Circle near Maharaja's College grounds, Abhishek Circle in Hebbal, High-Tension Double Road and Hunsur Road-Gokulam Road.

In addition, there are signals at Srikanteshwara Iyer Circle near RTO (West), Shivarampet Junction near N.R. Choultry, Bogadi Road near Harsha Bar, M.V. Sreenivas Circle near SMT Hospital, JLB Road-Manandavadi Road intersection, M.S. Gurupadaswamy Road leading to J.P. Nagar and Manandavadi Road junction, among others.

Unnecessary congestion

While Police said the locations were selected based on expert reports, public argue that some signals are being installed where traffic is relatively low, causing unnecessary congestion.

Motorists cited the Shivarampet Junction as an example. "This is a narrow road with low capacity, two-way traffic and parking on both sides. Traffic is light for most of the day, but vehicles now line up and wait a long time to pass the signal. Cars even block part of the entry from Devaraj Urs Road while waiting for green light," they said.

The signal near RTO (West) has also drawn criticism, with vehicles piling up from JLB Road, Lakshmipuram Police Station Road, Vani Vilas Road and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Road.

Not long-term solution

Traffic experts note that adding more signals or widening roads may provide temporary relief, but it is not a long-term solution. The city's narrow roads, heavy tourist influx and limited parking continue to pose challenges.

They suggest smarter traffic management, including optimising signal timings, AI-powered traffic monitoring, efficient traffic diversion, enhancing public transport, promoting cycling, implementing restricted vehicle zones in congested areas, improving parking through multi-level facilities and promoting bypass routes to ease city centre traffic.

'We need good roads'

Motorists also emphasised the importance of good roads, saying proper maintenance and widening make travel easier, support economic development, facilitate the movement of goods, boost tourism and aid industrial growth.

Many residents feel the city has been overburdened with signals in low-traffic areas, creating new problems rather than solving existing ones. However, some support the additional signals, citing the sharp rise in vehicles.

Traffic signal spree: Ex-MP criticises CM, son's role

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (PM&BS)- Former MP Prathap Simha has questioned the rationale behind the traffic signal spree in the city.

"Of late, 108 new traffic signal lights have been installed at circles and junctions. Mostly, it is the result of 'commission business' of those people ruling the State. Do the Chief Minister and his son have any plans to bring reforms to Mysuru's traffic front?" Simha asked in a mocking tone.

He added, "Go to any road in city, there is a traffic signal now, even where traffic density does not require one. Signals have been installed every one-and-a-half kms. What is the reason for this?"

Simha suggested that it would be more sensible to operate the signals during peak hours in the morning and evening when traffic piles up, rather than making motorists stop at every junction.

Referring to Outer Ring Road (ORR), he said, "The basic concept behind ORR is to allow hurdle-free vehicle movement, aided by underpasses and overbridges. Signals should have been placed only at key junctions, such as Bogadi and Vijayanagar 4th Stage, not at every other point."

Ruling out traffic signals as the sole solution, Simha said, "When I was an MP, seven underpasses and overbridges had been sanctioned for the ORR. If more are required, the present MP can get them sanctioned. Yet, traffic signals alone are not the solution."

UoM raises questions

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They claimed that sites 1/4A, 1/4B, 1/4C, 1/4D, 1/5A, 1/5B, 1/5C and 1/5D were formed near Bhudevi Farm in an area originally earmarked as a public park and later converted into a commercial zone.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar M.K. Savitha alleged that while converting the land for commercial use, records concealed the presence of the nearby Lake.

Records conceal the presence of Lake

She said that in 1945, before Independence, the Maharaja of Mysore had granted about 10 acres of land to a family. In 2008, MUDA approved the conversion of the land from park and open space to commercial use and the State Government gave its consent in 2010. However, the records did not mention the Lake located on the eastern side of the property.

Savitha pointed out that maps also failed to mark the Lake and that the matter was not brought to the Government's notice. "Had the Lake been recorded, the approval may not have been granted," she said and emphasised that construction is prohibited in buffer zones, with no building allowed within 100 feet of a Lake bund as per Government norms. "Given these restrictions, it is unclear how MUDA approved the conversion," she added.

DC denied permission

The University had earlier planned to construct a building on the site, but permission was denied by the Deputy Commissioner as the land falls within the buffer zone. "If such strict rules apply, how was commercial conversion allowed?" she questioned.

She further noted that the original grant by the Maharaja stipulated that the land near the Lake be used only for horticulture, cattle rearing and agriculture. "On what basis can construction be permitted in violation of these conditions?" she asked.

Calling Kukkarahalli Lake a biodiversity hotspot and a habitat for rare bird species, Savitha said commercial activity is not permissible in such an ecologically sensitive area. She added that the University has sought clarifications from MUDA but is yet to receive a response.

MDA clarifies

Property holders claiming ownership of 2.20 acres near the lake have produced documents stating that the Maharaja of Mysore granted them the land in 1945. However, there are no official records of this with the then City Improvement Trust Board (CITB), the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) or the present Mysuru Development Authority (MDA). MUDA approved land conversion in 2008, followed by Government sanction in 2010. However, the records do not mention the lake adjoining the property. We have also not received any communication from UoM on this issue.

— K.R. Rakshith, Commissioner, MDA

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the commercial property together with building constructed thereon (being entire property schedule to sale deed dated 30.03.1981 registered in the office of the headquarters Sub-registrar, Mysore, with Document No.77, entered at pages 222/226 of Volume 3257 in Book No.1 dated 04.04.1981) bearing door numbers: 225, 225/1, 226, 226/1, 227, 227/1 (respective new numbers: M:60, M60/1 to M60/5) situated at Sayyaji Rao Road, Opp: Krishna Rajendra Hospital, Mandi Mohalla, Mysore measuring east to west: 37 feet and north to south: 39 feet (i.e.1443 square feet) on the eastern side, and east to west: 50 feet and north to south: 23 feet (i.e.1150 square feet) on the western side with PID NO 85614 Zone-6 Ward 41 and bounded on: East by : Road, West by: : Sayyaji Rao Road, North by : Galli, South by : Private property.

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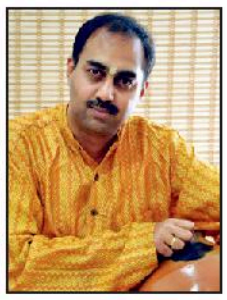
Chilkunda Sisters to sing at Bhagini Raaga Sourabha

Lakshmi Nagaraj & Indu Nagaraj

Aditi Krishnaprakash

B.S. Prashanth


Raghunandan Rao

Mysuru, Mar. 20- BSS Vidyodaya and RAAGA Music Academy, Mysuru, in association with Samskara Bharathi, will present Bhagini Raaga Sourabha — a resplendent evening of Karnatak music featuring the famous Chilkunda Sisters — Vidu. Lakshmi Nagaraj and Vidu. Indu Nagarajon — tomorrow (Mar. 21) from 6 pm onwards, at BSS Vidyodaya in Krishnamurthypuram.

Hailing from Chilkunda in Mysuru district and now based in Bengaluru, the sisters come from a distinguished musical heritage. Their initial training under their grandmother, Vidushi C.S. Satyalakshmi, followed by guidance from their father, "Karnataka Kalashri" Vid. C. A. Nagaraj, has firmly rooted them in the Mysore bani of Karnatak music.

While their foundation remains classical, the duo is widely admired for their versatility across Sugama Sangeetha, devotional, film and fusion music — bringing a refreshing accessibility to their performances. Lakshmi and Indu have each carved a distinct identity in the music world while complementing each other as a duo. Lakshmi Nagaraj, a versatile vocalist, holds an A-Top Grade in Sugama Sangeetha and an A Grade in Karnatak Vocal Music from Prasar Bharati.

Indu Nagaraj, an acclaimed playback singer, has rendered over 500 songs across films and independent music and rose to prominence with the chartbuster songs while earning a Filmfare Award along with several other recognitions.

As Bhagini Raaga Sourabha celebrates the spirit of sisterhood through music, Chilkunda Sisters embody this essence with elegance — two voices, seamlessly woven into one musical experience. For this concert, the sisters will be accompanied by **Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash** on violin, **Vid. B.S. Prashanth** on mridanga and **Vid. Raghunandan Rao** on ghata.

For details contact Koviladi Kala on Mob: 94497-03610.

Saxophone recital at BVB

Yadukumar

Poorvika

Chandan

Somesh

Rajesh

Raghavendra

Nagesh

Sheshachala

Kiran

Lakshmikanth

Harish

Deepak

Mysuru, Mar. 20- As part of its 163rd Cultural Outreach Programme, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru, along with BVB Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru, has organised a Saxophone recital by Yadukumar and team at Thathachari Auditorium, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, on Mar. 21, at 6 pm.

He will be accompanied by M.R. Poorvika on saxophone, Chandan on violin, Somesh on flute, Rajesh on keyboard, Raghavendraprasad on rhythm pad, Nagesh on dolu, Sheshachala Babu on tabla, Kiran Kumar on mridanga, Lakshmikanth on ghata, Harish on shruthi and Deepak on tala.

Karaoke Musical Nite on Mar. 21

Anitha

Chandrashekar

Manjunath

Shivakumar

Pushpalatha

Jayanti Bhat

Mysuru, Mar. 20- As part of its third anniversary and International Women's Day celebration, Natya Swaranjali Sangeetha Shale, Bogadi, has organised a Karaoke Musical Nite of old Kannada hit songs, at Rama Govinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar at 4 pm tomorrow.

Playback singer Anitha S.R. Mahesh (wife of former Minister S.R. Mahesh) will inaugurate the event in the presence of Ninad Musical Trust President Prasanna Kumar, Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, BJP leaders Dr. Shushrutha Gowda and Ravishankar, Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana Anushtana Samiti's G. Parashuramappa and former Corporator Snake Shyam.

The singers include L. Chandrashekar, a city advocate, Manjunath, a businessman, Shivakumar, a social worker, Anitha Mahesh, Pushpalatha and Jayanti Bhat.

Concerts at Vasudevacharya's house

Gurunandan

Halambi

Manamohan

Keshav

Radhesh

Sarvamangala

Mysuru, Mar. 20- The residence of Mysore Vasudevacharya in city will be hosting two music concerts during this weekend. Vid. G.K. Manamohan will present a Karnatak vocal concert on Saturday (Mar.21) accompanied by Vid. Keshava Mohan Kumar on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Bhargava Halambi on khanjira.

Vidu. C.S. Sarvamangala will be presenting a Sitar concert on Sunday (Mar.22) accompanied by Pandit Gurunandan on tabla.

While the Saturday's concert is scheduled to start at 4 pm, the Sitar concert will be beginning at 10.30 am. Both the programmes are open to all music-lovers.

Vid. Manamohan has learnt under Vidu. H.N. Rajalakshmi, Vidu. Vasanta Sundararajan and Vidu. Pushpa Srinivasan, in city. He started performing full-fledged concerts at the age of 13 and has performed in many renowned sabhas in Karnataka and in the US.

He has a Master's degree in Environmental Science (USA) and has served at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), as Environment Health & Safety specialist for thirteen years.

Vid. Keshava, a disciple of Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy, is an 'A-grade' violinist of Akashvani and Doordarshan.

Trained under Vid. P.G. Lakshminarayana and Vid. Mannargudi Easwaran, **Vid. Radhesh** is an established mridangist. He is graded 'A' in AIR.

Vid. Halambi has been trained in mridanga by Vid. Nagendra Udupa and Vid. Jayachandra Rao, and has been under Vid. C.P. Vyasa Vittala for Kanjira. .

Vidu. Sarvamangala is a disciple of Pandit N.V. Gopinath, a well-known sitar exponent of South India, also an expert on Karnatak veena. She is engaged in classical solo concerts and associated with Grand Sitar Symphony, a leading sitar ensemble based in Bengaluru.

She has published articles, both in English and Kannada, on musicians and their music, interviewing several outstanding musicians of the country, vocalists and instrumentalists of different genres.

She is currently engaged in completing a book that covers the music journeys of 21 eminent Hindustani musicians of Karnataka.

Son of sitarist N.V. Gopinath, **Pandit Gurunandan** had his training under the tutelage of Tabla Maestro Pandit D.S. Garud and has had the guidance of renowned Tabla Maestro Pt. Ravindra Yavagal as well.

Renowned artists to take part in 'Meet the Artists' event in Mysuru

Mysuru, Mar. 20 - In a significant boost to the city's cultural landscape, **The Art Park - Meet the Artists** event will be held in Mysuru for the first time on Mar. 22 at the Heritage House between 11 am and 5 pm.

The day-long programme will bring together artists offering art-lovers a rare opportunity to witness creativity in action.

The event is being organised in association with Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology and aims to showcase talent through live art demonstrations and exhibitions.

A. Devaraju, Dean of CAVA, will be the chief guest at the event being spearheaded by Bhagya Ajaikumar, President of The Art Park, who is also the Founder - Director of Swasti Contemporary Art Gallery, Bengaluru and widely recognised as a promoter of national and international artists.

As a guest faculty at the Department of Visual Arts, Bangalore University, member of Terrain Exhibitions Chicago and invited artists from India to participate in Terrain Biennials, she has consistently worked towards fostering artistic exchange and collaboration.

Speaking about the initiative, Bhagya Ajaikumar said that Art Park Bengaluru regularly hosts events on the second Sunday of every month at prominent venues, bringing together nearly 25 artists and creating a vibrant interface between artists and the public since 2014.

"This is the first time we are conducting the event in Mysuru, a city known for its rich heritage. Renowned and award-winning artists are expected to participate. It will also provide budding artists an opportunity to interact with established names and gain valuable exposure," she said.

In addition to her contributions to the art world, Bhagya Ajaikumar, along with her husband Dr. B.S. Ajaikumar, Chairman of HCG Hospitals and Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology, serves as Director of Bharath Hospital & Institute of Oncology and the International Human Development Upliftment Academy (IHDUA), Mysuru.

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- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
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Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 2.35 pm, 7.10 pm
	(S-4)	8.00 am, 12.35 pm, 5.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am, 1.15 pm, 4.05 pm 7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Ustaad Bhagat Singh (Te)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 4.00 pm, 7.15 pm
Youth (Ta)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	(S-3)	10.25 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.40 pm, 3.10 pm 6.30 pm, 7.30 pm, 930 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	11.00 am, 1.15 pm, 4.05 pm, 6.05 pm
Ustaad Bhagat Singh (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 3.15 pm, 6.15 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

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Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	:	11.30 am, 12.00 pm, 12.45 pm 1.00 pm, 2.35 pm, 4.45 pm, 5.30 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.30 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.15 pm, 1.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.25 pm, 4.05 pm 6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Ustaad Bhagat Singh (Te)	:	11.25 am, 4.15 pm, 7.20 pm
Youth (Ta)	:	7.25 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Ustaad Bhagat Singh (Te)	:	9.25 am, 4.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.25 pm, 7.25 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	12.35 pm, 1.00 pm, 5.20 pm, 5.45 pm, 10.05 pm, 10.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	:	6.30 pm

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Ustaad Bhagat Singh (Te)	:	9.35 am, 12.45 pm, 6.50 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	1.55 am, 7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar - The Revenge (H)	:	12.00 pm, 1.00 pm, 4.45 pm, 5.45 pm 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Youth (Ta)	:	3.55 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	10.10 am, 11.50 am, 7.25 pm
Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	:	12.00 pm, 1.00 pm, 2.40 pm, 4.45 pm 5.45 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Ustaad Bhagat Singh (Te)	:	1.00 pm, 7.05 pm
Youth (Ta)	:	4.10 pm
Aadu 3 (Ma)	:	10.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Eid ul Fitr to be celebrated tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 20 (AP)- As moon was not sighted yesterday, the Mysore District Moon Committee, which held a meeting at the Office of District Wakf Advisory Committee on Sayyaji Rao Road in city last evening under the Chairmanship Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazarath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff, decided to continue Ramzan fasting today and celebrate the festival (Eid ul Fitr) tomorrow.

Moulana Mohammed Zaka Ulla Siddiqi read the resolution passed in the meeting. Sir Khazi greeted the Ulemas present and Muslim brethren of city. Chairman of Mysore District Wakf Advisory Committee Azeez Ulla Ajju has requested Muslim brethren to celebrate Eid peacefully.

Moulana Mufthi Syed Tajuddin, Moulana Shah Vali Ulla Umri, Moulana Ibrahim, former Corporator Naseeruddin Babu, Mohamed Mumtaz Ahmed, Amjad Pasha, Jameel Ahmed Ashrafi, Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi, Radiulla Khan and Wakf Officer Mushtaq Ahmed were present.

Eid prayer timings - 7 am: Nimrah Ground in Rajivnagar; **7.30 am:** Masjid Khair-ul-Wara at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage; **8 am:** Masjid Moula Hussain at Satyanagar, Masjid Omer Khan Durani on B.N. Street, Masjid Cutchi Meamoon on Ashoka Road and Masjid Farooqia at Kesare; **9 am:** Eidgah Maidan at Tilaknagar, Masjid-e-Syed Ahmed at S.A. Layout in Rajivnagar, Masjid-e-Hazarath Mir Hayath on K.T.Street, Masjid Ajju (Shafi) at Kesare, Masjid Khatoon-e-Jannath at Kesare, Masjid Kousar and Firdose Masjid at Bannimantap C-Layout; **9.30 am:** Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road, Masjid Mecca at Rajivnagar, Masjid Munawara at R.S. Naidu Nagar, Masjid Quba at Udayagiri, Masjid-Ya-Allah, near Govt. Guest House and Masjid Rehamaniya at Chamaraja Mohalla; **10 am:** Masjid Rehamaniya, near Silk Factory, Masjid Dargahi, Sawday Road, Masjid Showdul Badar One Minaret, Shanthinagar, Masjid Nawab Saheb Zeenath-ul-Masajid, 100 Feet Road, Masjid Aqsa, near Fountain Circle, Madeena Masjid, Kyathamaranahalli, Masjid Khadriya, Nanjumalige, Masjid Khairunnisa, Kesare, Mohammadi Masjid, Rajivnagar, Masjid-e-Ya Rasoolullah, Rajivnagar 1st Stage and Masjid-e-Mushayeqeen at Rajivnagar; **10.30 am:** Eidgah Maidan, Ghousianagar and Masjid Feel Khana at Fort Mohalla; **11 am:** Jamiya Masjid on Irwin Road.

Former Corporator Suhail Baig supervising the cleaning works at Eidgah Maidan in Tilaknagar by MCC staff this morning.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 20)

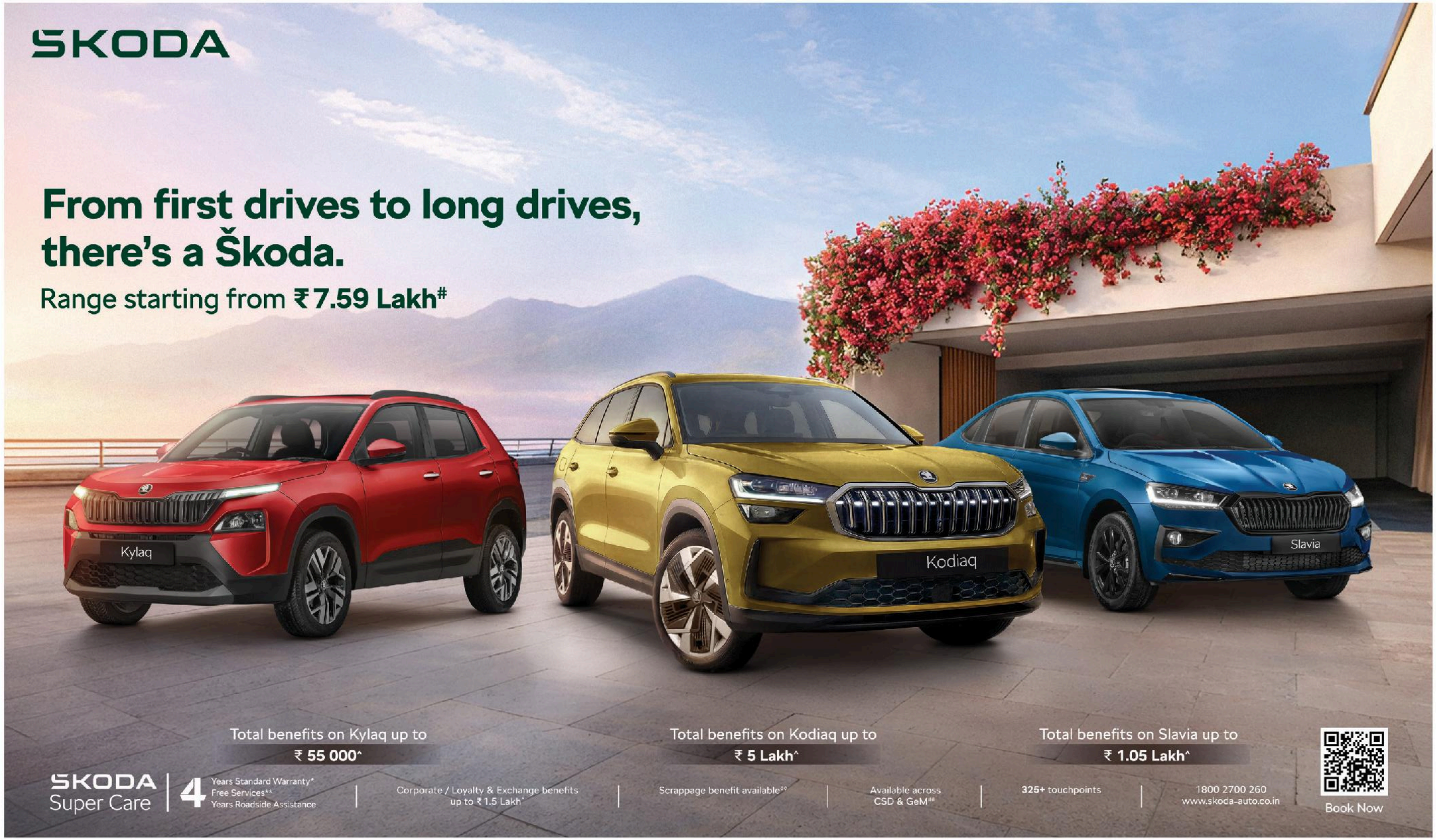
- **The Art of Living Foundation:** Somnath Jyotirlinga Maharudra Puja, Art of Living Ashram, Mysuru, **5 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Ugadi Sangeethotsava, Classical music concert by Vidu. Vipanchi Raghuram, Vidu. Mahathi Raghuram and Troupe, **5 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Sunitha Nandakumar, **5.40 pm;** Karnatak music concert by Vidu. Sridevi Bhandarkar, S. Aditya and Troupe, **6.20 pm;** Janapada Ugadi Utsava by Sangeetha and Troupe, **7.20 pm;** 'Bhava Ugadi' musical programme by Music Director Nagesh Kandegala, singers Anuradha Bhat, Sriharsha and Supriya Raghunandan, Palace premises, **8.30 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Andal Mandiram:** Guided introduction to the timeless wisdom of Srimad Bhagavad Gita by Sri Eswaran, Founder-Acharya, Vedanta Institute Bangalore, Andal Mandiram, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7 pm.** [Mob: 90358-96665]
- **Sri Ganapathi Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** 7th Ramothsava, Ugadi celebrations, Devaranama by Sharadadevi Mahila Samaja, **6.30 pm;** Panchanga Shravana by State Award Winner Veda Brahma Dr. Shridhara Sharma, Rajata Sabha Mantapa, Ganapathi Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 21)

- **Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru:** Women's Day celebrations, playwright & folk scholar Dr. Sujatha Akki inaugurates, CAVA Administrative Officer Dr. Nirmala Mathapati chief guest, felicitation to Commercial Tax Officer Dr. Bhavana Gajendra, Kadali Mahila Vedike Mysuru President Shobharani Jaiprakash presides, Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat-Mysuru City Unit President Dr. Jayappa Honnali guest of honour, Navajyoti auditorium, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, **10.30 am.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Ugadi Sangeethotsava, Dance ballet 'Sarvam Shivamayam' by Vidu. Chandini Manoj and Troupe, **5 pm;** Santoor recital by Vid. M. Thayaraju and Troupe, **6 pm;** Kamatak music by Prof. Dr. C.A. Sridhara, Vidu. C.S. Kalyani and Vid. C.S. Keshavachandra, **7 pm;** 'Sangeetha Gaanamrutha' by Zee Kannada Reality Show singers and members of Sangeetha Kala Group, Palace premises, **8.15 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru-Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru:** 163rd Cultural Outreach Programme - Saxophone Recital by Yadukumar and Team (M.R. Poorvika on saxophone, Chandan on violin, Somesh on flute, Rajesh on keyboard, Raghavendraprasad on rhythm pad, Nagesh on dolu, Sheshachala Babu on tabla, Kiran Kumar on mridanga, Lakshmikanth on ghata, Harish on shruthi and Deepak on tala), Thathachari Auditorium, BVB Mysuru, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**
- **BSS Vidyodaya and Raaga Music Academy, Mysuru:** Bhagini Raaga Sourabha, vocal duet by Vidushis Lakshmi Nagaraj and Indu Nagaraj, accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Vid. Raghunandan Rao on ghata, BSS Vidyodaya, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathi Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** 7th Ramothsava, Ugadi celebrations, Devaranama by Vidu. Rajalakshmi and troupe, **6.30 pm;** Harikathe 'Sri Rama Janana' by Shivara Umesh, Rajata Sabha Mantapa, Ganapathi Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Ramakrishna Samskruthika matthu Kreeda Samsthe:** Chintana-Manthana, traditional Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Dimple and troupe of Krishne Dance School, Mysuru, Ramakrishna Sabha Mantapa, Nandana Park, 4th Main Road, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Kathe Kelona
Banni tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 20- As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-924,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by Dr. Vinoda, Asociate Professor and Head, Department of Kannada, MMK&SDM Women's College, in city tomorrow between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.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